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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced continuation application being submitted herewith as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title and before the first sentence in the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of prior international application number <u>PCT/NL00/00498</u>, filed on <u>14 July 2000</u>; which claims priority from Netherlands patent application number <u>NL 1012597</u>, filed <u>14 July 1999</u>--

After page 10, insert new page 11 with the following abstract:

-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a process for preparing satin white, wherein aluminum sulfate and calcium hydroxide are brought together batchwise in a planetary kneader mixer and react to form satin white. The satin white obtained by the present process has a superior quality and can be prepared in a very efficient manner.--

New page 11 of the application with the abstract is also being herewith submitted.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the calcium hydroxide is added in the form of a slurry having a content of calcium hydroxide of from 30 to 40%.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. A process according to claim 1, wherein the solids content during the reaction is at least 35%, based on the reaction mixture.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. A process according to claim 1, wherein a dispersant is added to the satin white.

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version of Amendments with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Claims:

- 3. (Amended) A process according to claim 1[or 2], wherein the calcium hydroxide is added in the form of a slurry having a content of calcium hydroxide of from 30 to 40%.
- 4. (Amended) A process according to [any one of the preceding claims] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the solids content during the reaction is at least 35%, based on the reaction mixture.
- 5. (Amended) A process according to [any one of the preceding claims] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein a dispersant is added to the satin white.